



**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY STATEMENT REGARDING THE COURT DECISION
ON THE USE OF MELLO-ROOS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT FINANCING TO
FUND AN EMINENT DOMAIN TAKEOVER OF ITS OJAI WATER SYSTEM**

Golden State Water Company Senior Vice President for Regulated Utilities Denise L. Kruger issued the following statement regarding legal action in Ventura County Superior Court:

“We are pleased that the court will consider our concerns that the Casitas Municipal Water District’s Mello-Roos parcel tax plan may be illegal. We respect the court’s choice to wait until after the August election as voters could reject the plan. Measure V is the largest parcel tax in Ojai history, enacted through an annually increasing recurring property lien. The measure does not assure an acquisition will occur or what rates Casitas would charge Ojai residents. Casitas chose not to offer any assurances in their official commitment to voters.

Golden State Water remains committed to providing the best possible water service, maintaining the water system and working to be a contributing member of the Ojai community.”

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